

**I Claim:**

1. An animal litter adapted to be used for animals that do not bury their elimination where the litter comprises:
  - 5           a granular substance having a granular width substantially between 6mm -- 12mm and having an aspect ratio substantially between 1 -- 1 and 1 -- 6 where the granular substance has a bulk density above 12 pounds per cubic foot, the granular substance being substantially rounded  
10           and lacking angular ends.
2. The litter as recited in claim 1 where the litter is not uncomfortable to the animal because it is rounded and it lacks angular ends.
3. The litter as recited in claim 1 where the granular substance is  
15           made from being rolled in a drum.
4. The litter as recited in claim 3 where the granular substance is not made from a process being extruded and having a substantially constant cross-sectional area.
5. The litter as recited in claim 1 whereas, the granular substance  
20           has the qualities of remaining in a bin and is not easily discharged from a bin containing the granular substance by the action of the animal.
6. The litter as recited in claim 1 where the granular substance is free from protruding edges.
- 25   7. The litter as claimed in claim 6 where the granular substance does not remain in the animal's fur or feathers and is safe for contact with the animal.
8. The litter as claimed in claim 1 further comprising where the substance is made from a cellulose based material.

9. The litter as claimed in claim 8 where the granular as are made from short fiber cellulose waste material.
10. The claim as recited in claim 1 where the animal is a dog.
11. The litter as recited in claim 1 where the bulk density of the litter  
5 is substantially between 18 and 25 pounds per cubic foot.
12. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 where the absorption ratio is greater than .5.
13. The litter as recited in claim 11 where the absorption ratio is greater than 1.
- 10 14. The litter as claimed in claim 5 further comprising where the substance is made from a cellulose based material.
15. The litter as claimed in claim 14 where the granular as are made from short fiber cellulose waste material.
16. The litter as recited in claim 15 where the absorption ratio is  
15 greater than 1.
17. A method of providing a litter for an animal other than domestic cats comprising the steps of  
providing a granular substance where a substantial portion of the granular substance has a functional width of greater than  
20 6 mm and further having an aspect ratio between 1-1 and 1-6 where the granular substance is contained in a containing bin and the granular substance has a sufficient mass that resists being discharged from the bin due to the animal's activity where the bulk density is greater than 12 pounds per  
25 cubic foot and the granular substance being substantially free from protruding edges as to not discomfort the animal,

where the animal discharges their elimination onto the granular substance and the granular substance absorbs a portion of the fluid from the elimination.

18. The method as claimed in claim 17 where the granular  
5 substance is made from short fiber cellulose waste material.
19. The method as recited in claim 17 where the granular substance has an absorption ratio of greater than .5.
20. The method as recited in claim 17 where the bulk density of the granular substance is between 15-50 pounds per cubic foot.